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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SHINZO UCHIYAMA ET AL. )  
Application No.: 10/699,883 )  
Filed: November 4, 2003 )  
For: SURFACE MODIFICATION )  
METHOD )  
Examiner: Timothy Howard Meeks  
Group Art Unit: 1762  
March 31, 2005

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

(a) Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated February 15, 2005, kindly amend the  
subject application as follows: